

# County Trends



## Daggett

June 2003

### A Local Economic Perspective

#### Employment Looks Up in 2002

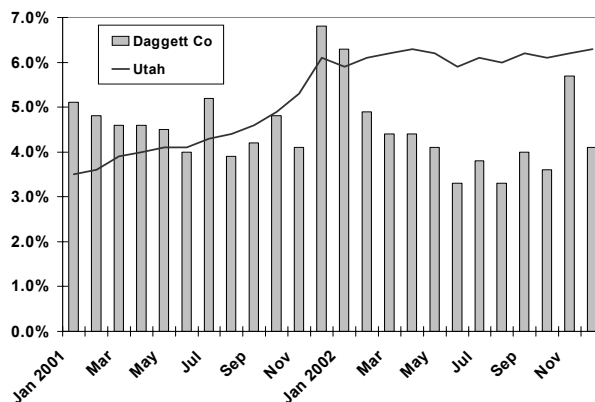
Year-over nonfarm employment in Daggett County continued to show gains during the third and fourth quarters of 2002. This consistent economic growth has helped maintain the county's unemployment rate below the state average of 5.3 percent. In April 2003, Daggett County's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent.

#### Employment Gains Ground

Daggett County's nonfarm jobs increased 2.3 percent year-over for third quarter 2002 and 10.8 percent for fourth quarter 2002. Additional jobs in government, repair services, and recreation were the mainstays of growth during the last half of 2002.

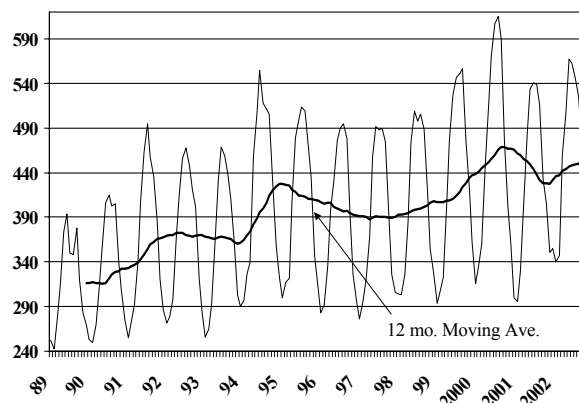
Employment in the goods-producing industries of construction, mining, and manufacturing fell as fewer construction related jobs were to be found in the county. The completion of heavy construction projects account for the slump in construction employment. Manufacturing jobs were unchanged during the last half of 2002.

#### Seasonally Adjusted Daggett County Unemployment Rates



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

#### Monthly Nonfarm Employment in Daggett County, 1989-2002

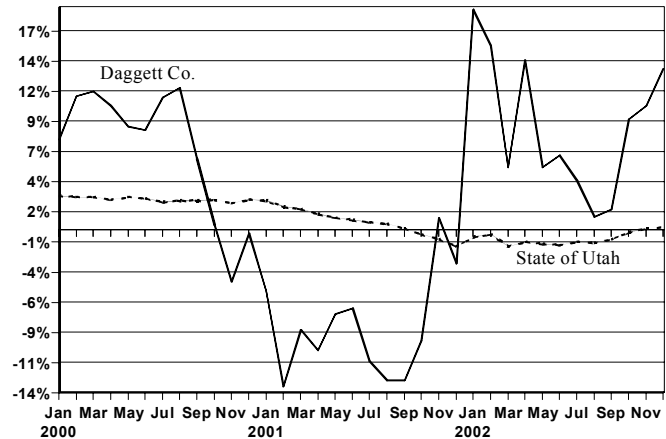


Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.





## Year-Over Change in Daggett County Employment



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

# To the Point

**Year-over nonfarm employment in Daggett County showed resilience during the last half of 2002 as jobs rose in both the third and fourth quarter. Government and repair services accounted for most of the growth. Construction jobs contracted as major road projects were competed.**

The service-producing industries, which includes trade, transportation, information, recreation, lodging and food services, account for a large portion of the total jobs in the county. Repair services jobs showed a noticeable increase as did government employment. Slight growth was also reported for real estate jobs. Lodging employment also increased but these gains were largely offset by declines in retail trade and food services.

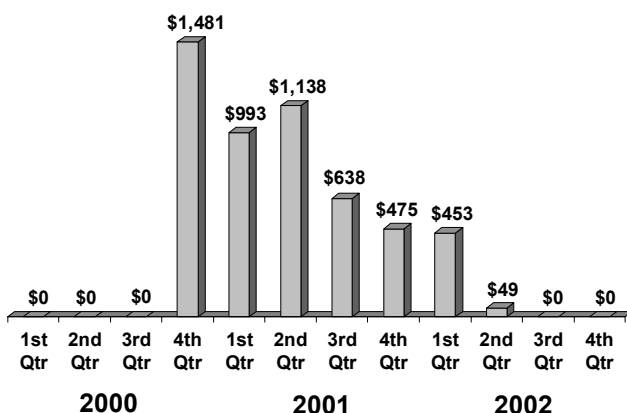
Government, the single largest industry in the county, added federal and local government positions. Federal jobs related to land management increased, while local government jobs rose for homeland security, public education, administration and public safety. State government employment was unchanged.

### ***Construction Screeches to a Halt***

Year-over construction activity in Daggett County, as measured by authorized permits, showed no activity in the last half of 2002. No permits were issued for residential, nonresidential, or renovation work. A year

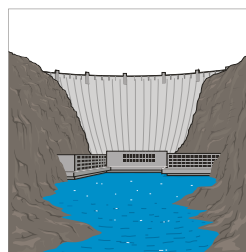
## Daggett County Total Construction Permit Valuation

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(Thousands of dollars)

Source: Utah Bureau of Economic & Business Research.



ago, during the last half of 2001, more than \$1.1 million in total construction permits were approved for residential and nonresidential projects.

### Sales Slow Down

Gross taxable sales rose during the third quarter of 2002, as communications, transportation, and wholesale trade sales grew. In the fourth quarter of 2002, year-over sales dropped 25 percent as electric, gas, and communications sales declined.

### Outlook for 2003

While 2002 was a good year for Daggett County, the outlook for 2003 is clouded. The damage to recreational facilities from last years wildfires will hinder its growth, as will a general slowness in travel and recreation-related business. Last year the county received a boost from homeland security jobs, but now that these jobs are already in place the jump-start they provided will be missing in 2003. On a brighter note, some construction jobs will rebound repairing, fire damage to structures in the county.

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## Quick Facts

### April 2003

#### Unemployment Rate

Daggett County	4.5%
Utah	5.3%
U.S.	6.0%

### Dec. 2002 Change from Previous Year

#### Job Growth

Daggett County	13.4%
Utah	0.2%
U.S.	-0.2%

### 4th Qtr 2002 Change from Previous Year

#### Construction Values

Daggett County	-100.0%
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#### Sales

Daggett County	-24.8%
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Source: Utah Dept of Workforce Services,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics,  
Utah Tax Commission,  
Bureau of Econ & Business Research.

**For more economic information about Daggett County see:  
<http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/Regions/County.asp>**

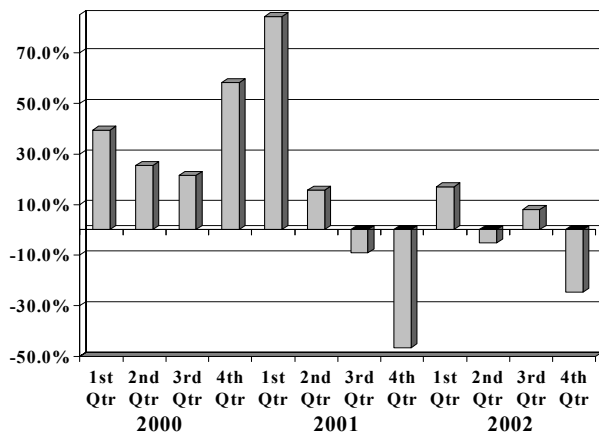
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### Year-Over Change in Duchesne County Gross Taxable Sales



Source: Utah Tax Commission.

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### Equal Opportunity Employment Program

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Call (801) 526-9240. Individuals with speech and/or hearing impairments may call the state relay at 1-800-346-4128

## What's Up? 4

- The Daggett County Commission raised property taxes in response to a budget crunch brought on by a double homicide and the Mustang Ridge wildfire. It is the first increase in property taxes in the county since 1991.

**For more economic events, see:**

<http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/Regions/eastern/daggett/daggettee.pdf>

